## The Effect of Increasing Hydrophobicity on the Self-Assembly of Amphipathic β-Sheet Peptides

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| Peptide                                     | R <sub>t</sub> (mi | <b>n)</b> Gradient (solution A: water/0.5%TFA; solution B: acetonitrile/ 0.5%TFA)                                      |
|---|--------------------|--|
| Ac-(FKFE) <sub>2</sub> -NH <sub>2</sub>     | l 11.8             | Isocratic 5% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes, increase 5-95% <b>B</b> over 10 minutes, maintain at 95% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes |
| Ac-(AKAE) <sub>2</sub> -NH <sub>2</sub>     | 2 9.0              | Isocratic 5% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes, increase 5-95% <b>B</b> over 10 minutes, maintain at 95% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes |
| Ac-(VKVE) <sub>2</sub> -NH <sub>2</sub>     | <b>3</b> 10.3      | Isocratic 5% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes, increase 5-95% <b>B</b> over 10 minutes, maintain at 95% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes |
| Ac-(LKLE) <sub>2</sub> -NH <sub>2</sub>     | <b>i</b> 11.3      | Isocratic 5% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes, increase 5-95% <b>B</b> over 10 minutes, maintain at 95% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes |
| Ac-(ChaKChaE) <sub>2</sub> -NH <sub>2</sub> | 5 13.2             | Isocratic 5% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes, increase 5-95% <b>B</b> over 10 minutes, maintain at 95% <b>B</b> over 5 minutes |

 Table S1. HPLC purification conditions for peptides 1-5.

Figure S1. Analytical HPLC traces of peptides 1-5. (A) Peptide 1, (B) Peptide 2, (C) Peptide 3, (D) Peptide 4, (E) Peptide 5.

#### A. Peptide 1 (Ac–FKFEFKFE–NH<sub>2</sub>)



# B. Peptide 2 (Ac–AKAEAKAE–NH<sub>2</sub>)



# C. Peptide 3 (Ac-VKVEVKVE-NH<sub>2</sub>)



# D. Peptide 4 (Ac–LKLELKLE–NH<sub>2</sub>)



# E. Peptide 5 (Ac–ChaKChaEChaKChaE–NH<sub>2</sub>)



| Table S2.    | Calculated and observed $m/z$ for peptides 1-5 | ,<br>) |  |  |  |  |
|--------------|--|--------|--|--|--|--|
| MALDI-TOF-MS |  |        |  |  |  |  |

| Peptide <i>m/z</i>        | 1       | 2      | 3       | 4       | 5       |
|---------------------------|---------|--------|---------|---------|---------|
| calcd [MH <sup>+</sup> ]  | 1162.59 | 858.47 | 970.59  | 1026.66 | 1186.78 |
| observed                  | 1162.30 | 858.13 | 970.41  | 1026.30 | 1186.23 |
| calcd [MNa <sup>+</sup> ] | 1184.58 | 880.45 | 992.58  | 1048.64 | 1208.76 |
| observed                  | 1184.34 | 880.13 | 992.43  | 1048.38 | 1208.19 |
| calcd [MK <sup>+</sup> ]  | 1200.55 | 896.42 | 1008.55 | 1064.61 | 1224.74 |
| observed                  | N/A     | 896.10 | 1008.42 | 1064.36 | N/A     |





Figure S3. TEM image of peptide 1 (100  $\mu$ M peptide, water).



Figure S4. TEM image of peptide 3 (100 µM peptide, water).



Figure S5. TEM image of peptide 4 (100 µM peptide, water).



Figure S6. TEM image of peptide 5 (100  $\mu$ M peptide, water).



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